



**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1652**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	Donoho <i>et al.</i>	Group Art Unit:	1652
Application No.:	09/769,952	Examiner:	D. Steadman
Filed:	1/25/2001	Atty. Docket No.:	LEX-0118-USA
Title: Polynucleotides Encoding A Human Nitrilase Polypeptide (As Previously Amended)			

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 10, 2003

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on December 10, 2003, which has been carefully reviewed and studied. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the rejections in the Action in the same order in which they were originally raised.

The response is timely filed, and Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

RESPONSE

I. Status of the Claims

No claims have been cancelled. No claims have been amended. No new claims have been added.

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are therefore presently pending in the case.